AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown below. A complete listing of all pending claims is presented.

1. (Correctly Amended) A recording media drive apparatus for use with recording media, comprising:

a body;

a front panel, covering the front of said body and having an insertion/removal opening for inserting and removing said recording media to and from said body,

a slider, provided within said body, for inducing an eject motion for ejecting said recording media installed within said body from said insertion/removal opening as a result of pushing from the front, and

an eject button projecting forwards from said front panel and operable to move with said slider, wherein

said front panel is supported in a detachable manner as a result of front panel engagement with said body,

said front panel engagement is achieved by moving said front panel towards said body, and a force to move said front panel in a direction away from said body acts in a direction releasing said front panel engagement,

~~said~~ eject button engagement is achieved as a result of causing said eject button to move towards said slider, and a force causing said eject button to move in a direction away from said slider acts in a direction releasing said eject button engagement,

said eject button engagement is achieved by mutual engagement of an eject button engaging hole provided at one of said eject button and said slider and an eject button engaging projection ~~providing~~ provided at the remaining one of said eject button and said slider, and

an eject button inclined surface is formed at said eject button engaging projection or an edge of an opening of said eject button engaging hole so as to cause said eject button engaging projection or said eject button engaging hole to move in a direction away from said eject button engaging hole or said eject button engaging projection as a result of applying force to cause said eject button to move in a direction away from said slider.

2. (Currently Amended) The recording media drive as disclosed in claim 1, wherein

said front panel engagement is achieved by mutual engagement of ~~an~~ front panel engaging hole provided at one of said front panel and said body and ~~an~~ a front panel engaging projection provided at the remaining one of said front panel and said body, and

~~an~~ a front panel inclined surface is formed at said front panel engaging projection or at an edge of an opening of said front panel engaging hole so as to cause said engaging projection or said front panel engaging hole to move in a direction away from said front panel engaging hole or said front panel engaging projection as a result of applying force to cause said front panel to move in a direction away from said body.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)